

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 19, 2026

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A SPACE TO ENCOUNTER GOD

Dear brothers and sisters:

I want to begin this column by telling you how happy I was to be able to visit you this week. Every Eucharist, every encounter, every familiar face and every new one, fill me with joy and confirm what a blessing it is to walk alongside you as your Pastor.

This week we had a very special moment at St. Francis, on Delaware Avenue: the wedding of Zoila and Jose. It was a celebration full of joy for our whole community, and what a great joy that, at that same time, we could also celebrate the baptism of one of their children. Seeing a family seal their love before God, and at the same time welcome a new member into the faith, is a true sign of God's grace at work among us.

Our Eucharistic celebrations were, as always, special moments of encounter with the Lord. And we had the joy

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SECOND COLLECTION JULY 26TH

There will be a second collection on July 26th for Peter's Pence, whereby individual Catholics contribute to the work of the Pope, from helping those in need around the world to educational and missionary work to administrative needs of the Vatican.

WHERE ARE OUR ENVELOPES?

Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers.

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1:00 pm—3:00 pm
Welcome Table Tues. Th: 11:30 am—1:00 pm



UN ESPACIO DE ENCUENTRO CON DIOS

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Quiero comenzar esta columna diciéndoles lo feliz que estuve de poder visitarlos esta semana. Cada Eucaristía, cada encuentro, cada rostro conocido y cada rostro nuevo, me llenan de alegría y me confirman la bendición que es caminar junto a ustedes como su Pastor.

Esta semana tuvimos un momento muy especial en St. Francis, en Delaware Avenue: la boda de Zoila

y José. Fue una celebración llena de gozo para toda nuestra comunidad, y qué alegría más grande que, en ese mismo tiempo, pudiéramos también celebrar el bautismo de uno de sus hijos. Ver a una familia sellar su amor ante Dios y, al mismo tiempo, recibir a un nuevo miembro en la fe, es un verdadero signo de la gracia de Dios obrando entre nosotros.

Nuestras Eucaristías fueron, como siempre, momentos especiales de encuentro con el Señor. Y tuvimos la alegría de recibir el sábado a un grupo de hermanos que venían desde Georgia. Siempre es una bendición tener visitantes en nuestro templo; nos recuerda que la Iglesia es una sola familia, sin fronteras, y que todos somos bienvenidos en la casa del Padre.

Quiero también hacer una mención especial a mi

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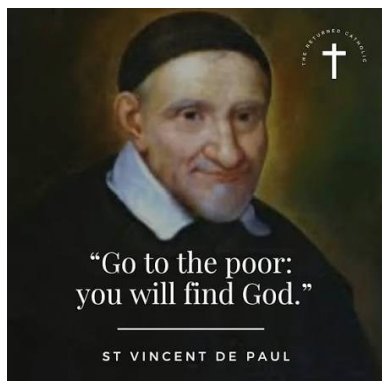
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WHAT IS THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL?

In post-revolutionary France, in 1833, Frederic Ozanam was challenged by socialists who asked him what the Catholic Church was doing for the poor. Frederic met with friends to discuss options, declaring, “We must do what is agreeable to God... we must do what our Lord Jesus Christ did when preaching the gospel. Let us go to the poor!” And in this way, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was born.



Why St Vincent de Paul as the patron? St. Vincent grew up in a poor peasant family in Pouy, France, and worked hard to obtain an education in theology, after which he was ordained a priest in 1600. Five years later, he was captured and taken to Tunis and sold as a slave, from which servitude he was able to escape and return to France.

Later, he began to preach missions to the poor and worked to relieve their poverty. To aid in these endeavors, he founded a society of lay women and another of priests. As a result of his efforts to aid the poor, St. Vincent is known as The Apostle of Charity and The Father of the Poor. In 1737, he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII. His feast day is September 27th.

The Society grew rapidly in a nation which had so recently been torn apart by the terrible civil disorders of the French Revolution. Lay Catholics both young and old were inspired by this path of expressing their Faith outwardly. Within a year, the first group, called a Conference, had grown so large it was split into two, and in 1835, just two years later, the Society had grown from Paris outwards to the point that a Rule became necessary, and the

work of the Society extended to actions other than financial aid which the Society continues to adapt to local needs through its Special Works and Systemic Change programs.

In less than thirty years the Society had spread to ten European nations and to Canada, the US, and Turkey. In 1845, Pope Gregory XVI approved the Society and he and Blessed Pope Pius IX granted several indulgences to the group.

As of 2021, the National Council of the United States of the Society reports: “The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to expand throughout the world and... [has been] established in five continents, in 152 countries, with approximately 800,000 members in 44,600 Conferences”

The Mission Statement of the Society is: “A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.” This mission is borne out by the Essential Elements: Spirituality, “To bear witness to Christ and His Church by showing that the faith of Christians inspires them to work for the good of humanity;” Friendship: To bring together people of good will and to assist them by mutual example and true friendship in drawing nearer to the Divine Model by fulfilling His essential precept, namely, the love of God in the person of others;” and Service, “To establish a personal contact between its members and those who suffer and bring to the latter the most efficacious and charitable aid possible.”

To this end, Conferences have been established in several parishes of the Diocese of Albany. Currently, the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Conference and the Cathedral Conference work together to help those in need in the center of historic Albany.

The information for this article is taken from The Manual of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States, provided by the National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend Confession and Mass Schedule:

Saturday:	Confession	3:15–3:50 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	4:00 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Sunday:	Mass	9:00 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
	Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (South)

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- **Hora Santa:** Todos los primeros Sábados de cada mes a las 5:15pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

“We ought to have confidence in God that he will look after us since we know for certain that as long as we are grounded in that sort of love and trust we will be always under the protection of God in heaven, we will remain unaffected by evil and never lack what we need even when everything we possess seems headed for disaster.”-St. Vincent de Paul (McKenna, *Praying with Vincent*, p.47)

With your help, we are able to help bring God’s aid and hope to those in need.

Please help those in need through almsgiving. Either place your gift in one of the poor boxes near the church entrance, or place a check made out to “The St. Vincent de Paul Society” in the collection basket.

You can also help by joining us.

Call the Cathedral at 518-463-4447 for more information.

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querida comunidad de South End. Disfruté muchísimo la Eucaristía junto a ustedes. Me encantó su entusiasmo, su identidad y la manera tan viva en que celebran su fe. Pude sentir el amor de Dios mientras estaba con ustedes, y eso es un regalo que llevo en el corazón.

Quiero invitarlos hoy a reflexionar sobre la importancia de los espacios en nuestro hogar. Así como cuidamos un espacio para la familia, para el descanso o para el trabajo, es igualmente importante tener en casa un lugar dedicado al silencio, la oración y el encuentro personal con el Señor. Un rincón sencillo, quizás con una imagen o un crucifijo, donde podamos meditar los misterios de nuestra fe y escuchar la voz de Dios en medio del ruido del mundo. Como nos recuerda el profeta: "Estad quietos, y conoced que yo soy Dios" (Salmo 46:10). Ese silencio no es vacío; es el espacio donde Dios nos habla.

Que esta semana podamos crear ese pequeño santuario en nuestros hogares, y que desde ahí sigamos construyendo, junto con nuestras Eucaristías dominicales, una vida de oración constante.

Que Dios los bendiga siempre.

Paz y Bien.

P. Daniel Vallejo

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of welcoming, on Saturday, a group of brothers and sisters who came all the way from Georgia. It is always a blessing to have visitors in our temple; it reminds us that the Church is one single family, without borders, and that all are welcome in the Father's house.

I also want to make a special mention of my dear South End community. I enjoyed the Eucharist with you tremendously. I loved your enthusiasm, your identity, and the lively way you celebrate your faith. I could feel God's love while I was with you, and that is a gift I carry in my heart.

Today I want to invite you to reflect on the importance of having sacred spaces in our homes. Just as we set aside a space for family, for rest, or for work, it is equally important to have a place at home dedicated to silence, prayer, and personal encounter with the Lord. A simple corner, perhaps with an image or a crucifix, where we can meditate on the mysteries of our faith and hear God's voice amid the noise of the world. As the psalmist reminds us: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). That silence is not empty; it is the space where God speaks to us.

May this week be an opportunity to create that small sanctuary in our homes, and from there, together with our Sunday Eucharists, continue building a life of constant prayer.

May God bless you always.

Peace and Good.

Fr. Daniel Vallejo

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Sunday Mass Intentions

As of July 14, 2026

<i>Saint Francis (Delaware)</i>		<i>Requested by:</i>
Sat, July 18 4:00 PM	† Richard Kirner Sr.	Pat & Bob Benac
	† Thomas Kirner	Pat & Bob Benac
Sun, July 19 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, July 19 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sat, July 25 4:00 PM	† Hannah Acampora	Denise Buckley
	† Graziella Gertrude Carbone	Family
Sun, July 26 9:00 AM	† Aurelio and Teresa Giglio	Daughter
Sun, July 26 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
<i>Saint Francis (South End)</i>		<i>Requested by:</i>
Sun, July 19 10:30 AM	† Georgeann Payne	Joe Keller
Sun, July 26 10:30 AM	† Vincent Giordano	Joe Keller

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH PICNIC!!!

The Annual Parish Picnic of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and the Cathedral, including Historic St. Mary's, will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2026 at the Elm Avenue Town Park in Bethlehem between 11:30 and 3:00 PM.

We'll have kid's games, a 50/50 drawing, a kid's raffle, raffle for door prizes, games for kids and adults, and great food, fun, and fellowship! Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided by the Parishes. All we need is YOU and whatever tasty salads, side dishes, or desserts you decide to bring to share!

No sign-ups yet. Just go home and save this date if you haven't done so already for this great Parish Picnic!!!

We hope everyone decides to attend. We had great weather last year and a great time was had by all. Save the date!!!!



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Readings for the Week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/ Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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